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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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☐ No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 5 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	\$84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
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Application No.: 09/291,195 ) Examiner: J. Hannett  
Filed: April 14, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 1785  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, )  
METHOD FOR FORMATTING )  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, please amend the application by adding the new claim as set forth below. In view of the remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

15. (New) In an image processing system including a computer and a photographing apparatus connectable to the computer, the computer being connectable to a recording medium storing a program executable by the photographic apparatus, a method of formatting the recording medium, comprising:

creating a first region in the recording medium;

storing in the first region a program dedicated for execution by the photographing apparatus;

creating a second region in the recording medium;